

NIMITZ OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

FACT SHEET

The Nimitz Operational Intelligence Center is the Navy's pre-eminent Center of Excellence for operational and strategic analysis of events associated with the maritime domain. The center supports fleet commanders and national policymakers, and provides timely and relevant analysis tailored to meet customer requirements. Nimitz is one of four Centers of Excellence that are distinct commands under the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI).



Mission

The Nimitz Operational Intelligence Center provides operational intelligence to Fleet and National decision makers to create a decisive warfighting advantage for the Navy through accurate and timely warning of enemy capability, location, and intent.

It is the leading center for Global Maritime Intelligence Integration and Maritime Domain Awareness.

Functions, Roles & Responsibilities

Fleet Support Department

The Fleet Support Department (FSD) integrates the Nimitz Center's geographically oriented cells (GeoCells) with the Global Maritime Collaboration Center's (GMCC) regional desks to provide naval and civil maritime indications and warning (I&W) support to the Fleet, DoD, national intelligence agencies, U.S. law enforcement organizations, and other U.S. government agencies and allies. The GeoCells provide

intelligence to operational forces, the Intelligence Community (IC), U.S. agencies, and allies on naval strategy, doctrine, capabilities, operations, and plans of potential adversaries. The GMCC

Watch operates 24/7, integrating multiple intelligence disciplines from across the Information Warfare Community. It tailors and provides this knowledge to the Fleet and other customers while maintaining situational awareness on high interest shipping and naval associated activity, and provides current civil maritime operational picture on vessels sailing throughout the world. FSD also provides a standing crisis and contingency response capability, enabling immediate transition to high-tempo operations to deliver exceptional analytic support for customers ranging from senior policy makers and Combatant Commanders to deployed forces.

Naval Warfare Department

The Naval Warfare Department (NWD) provides detailed analysis of naval warfare threats posed by foreign weapons systems and countries of interest by leveraging the tactical expertise of Fleet experienced submarine, air, surface warfare, and information warfare officers and Sailors against the long-term analysis of a career civilian intelligence workforce. NWD supports operational commanders, mission planners, naval warfare development centers, and the national IC with unique and penetrating tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) assessments. NWD provides this dedicated, Fleet-focused support via four functionally aligned divisions – SABER (surface warfare), SPEAR (air warfare), SWORD (undersea warfare), and SPECTRUM (cyber/electronic warfare/C4ISR).

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Transnational Threat Department

The Transnational Threat Department (TNT) provides Fleet and National decision makers with in-depth knowledge of the maritime domain and the unique issues associated with it. Overlaying extensive maritime industry experience with cutting edge operational intelligence analytic capabilities, TNT analysts are the community leaders in maritime counterproliferation, global maritime environment, and counternarcotics analysis. Analysis of maritime strategic trade, infrastructure, cargo, and the Arctic environment enable superior decision making by some of the most senior-level leaders in the U.S. government. Responsible for maintaining the nation's databases on merchant shipping, TNT supports the Navy, its partners, and the entire IC on all issues related to the positional data, physical characteristics, and history of more than 100,000 merchant ships operating worldwide. Partnered with a wide spectrum of Fleet, DoD, and national and international customers, TNT is fully engaged across the IC on current operations. TNT remains the DoD's primary source of long-term, foundational intelligence on key civil maritime issues.

Fleet Imagery Support Team

The Fleet Imagery Support Team (FIST) provides Fleet commanders' access to a cadre of highly skilled imagery analysts. The team is composed of a Sea Duty/Direct Support Element (Afloat) and a Shore Duty/Tactical Element (Shore) that maintains a continuous GEOINT Watch in support of

deployed naval forces. The FIST mission includes I&W through the exploitation of imagery and Full Motion Video (FMV) obtained by national, theater, tactical, and commercial means. FIST support is Fleet-focused, and also responds to Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and nationally directed requirements that support humanitarian relief operations associated with natural disasters.

Maritime Domain Awareness and Advanced Analytics

The Integrated Maritime Domain Awareness (iMDA) includes the ONI Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) program, Advanced Analytics (A2), and Nimitz Plans and Policy. The MDA program office integrates MDA with OPINTEL planning, outreach, and improved analytic tradecraft. Focusing on mitigating MDA data and capability gaps (cargo, people, vessels), the MDA program office coordinates collaboration and outreach efforts to expand and optimize MDA data sources and analysis. Partnering with other IC, interagency, international, and foreign organizations to maximize information sharing and analysis is the main thrust of these outreach efforts. ONI's MDA program office also develops and provides maritime activity based intelligence (MABI) tradecraft development, and journeyman all-source discovery enhancement, such as SIGINT analysis tools to deliver an effective understanding of the maritime domain for both the ONI Enterprise and Fleet Maritime Operations Centers (MOCs).